1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A&N Island.
3. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshdweep.
4. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Damand & Diu.
5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
7. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
8. Poverty Ratio of Himachal Pradesh is used for Jammu & Kashmir for 1993-94.

Drive to Check Pollution

5075. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation propose to launch any special drive to check pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date by which this drive is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Refinance Support by NABARD

5076. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether NABARD has disbursed Rs. 3.523 crore towards refinance support to various financial bodies against their rural investment credit during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the amount disbursed during 1995-96;

(c) the name of financial bodies to whom this fund was provided for rural investment;

(d) to what extent the amount was spent in various States alongwith the names of schemes of which this amount was spent;

(e) whether NABARD has received any report from these institutions for their development works undertaken by them with this fund in the States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it has disbursed Rs. 3523 cores as refinance to various fiancial agencies against their rural investment credit disbursements during 1996-97. The refinance assistance disbursed during 1995-96 was Rs. 3064 crores to various financial agencies. The financial agencies to whom refinance assistance has been provided for agriculture and rural development are (i) Commercial Banks, (ii) Co-operative banks viz. State Co-operative Banks (SCBs) and State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (SCARDBs), and (iii) Regional Rural Banks.

(d) The State/Union Territory-wise amount of refinance provided by NABARD during 1995-96 is given in the attached statement-I. The names of schemes under which the said amount has been disbursed are given in the attached Statement-II.

(e) and (f) Financial agencies undertake periodic monitoring of utilisation of loans disbursed by them. NABARD also conducts, from time to time loan utilisation studies on sample basis in various States/Union Territories covering various investments and financial agencies in respect of the investments refinanced by it. NABARD has reported that it has conducted 98 such studies during the year 1995-96 and 25 studies during the year 1996-97.

Statement-I

State / Union Territory-wise refinance disbursement by NABARD during 1996-97

(Rs. in lakhs)

State/Union Territory	Amount
1 2	3
1. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1114
2. Andhra Pradesh	35401
3. Aruanchal Pradesh	849
4. Assam	6553
5. Bihar	14079
6. Chandigarh	4
7. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	16
8. Goa	762
9. Gujarat	19643
10. Haryana	20583
11. Himachal Pradesh	3475
12. Jammu & Kashmir	943
13. Karnataka	27764
14. Kerala	18377